

# Conversion factors

See <http://www.ex.ac.uk/cimt/dictunit/dictunit.htm> for further discussion and additional links. Conversions listed below are exact unless otherwise stated.

Length:

$$1 \text{ in} = 2.54 \text{ cm}; \quad 1 \text{ ft} = 12 \text{ in} = 0.3048 \text{ m}; \quad 1 \text{ mi} = 1760 \text{ yd} = 5280 \text{ ft} = 1609.344 \text{ m}.$$

Time:

$$1 \text{ h} = 60 \text{ min} = 3600 \text{ s}.$$

Mass:

$$1 \text{ lbm}^* = 0.45359237 \text{ kg}; \quad 1 \text{ slug} = (9.80665/0.3048) \text{ lbm} = (4.4482216152605/0.3048) \text{ kg};$$

$$1 \text{ u} = (1.66053873 \pm 0.00000013) \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg (not exact)}.$$

Angle:

$$1 \text{ rev} = 360^\circ = 2\pi \text{ rad}.$$

Speed:

$$1 \text{ mi/h} = 1.609344 \text{ km/h} = 0.44704 \text{ m/s} = (22/15) \text{ ft/s}.$$

Force:

$$1 \text{ kgf}^* = 9.80665 \text{ N}; \quad 1 \text{ lb} = 0.45359237 \text{ kgf} = 4.4482216152605 \text{ N}.$$

Energy:

$$1 \text{ ft lb} = 1.3558179483314004 \text{ J}; \quad 1 \text{ kWh} = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J}; \quad 1 \text{ cal(IT)} = 4.1868 \text{ J};$$

$$1 \text{ Btu(IT)} = 1055.05585262 \text{ J}; \quad 1 \text{ eV} = (1.602176462 \pm 0.000000063) \times 10^{-19} \text{ J (not exact)}.$$

Power:

$$1 \text{ ft lb/s} = 1.3558179483314004 \text{ W}; \quad 1 \text{ hp(electric)} = 746 \text{ W}.$$

Pressure:

$$1 \text{ lb/in}^2 = (4448.2216152605/0.64516) \text{ Pa}; \quad 1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{ torr} = 101325 \text{ Pa} = 1.01325 \text{ bar};$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = (6.5370837/0.44482216152605) \text{ lb/in}^2.$$

Volume:

$$1 \text{ liter} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 = 1000 \text{ cm}^3; \quad 1 \text{ gallon(US-liquid)} = 3.785411784 \text{ liter}.$$

Standard prefixes denoting powers of 10:

| Prefix | Symbol | Factor    | Prefix | Symbol | Factor     |
|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|------------|
| deca-  | da     | $10^1$    | deci-  | d      | $10^{-1}$  |
| hecto- | h      | $10^2$    | centi- | c      | $10^{-2}$  |
| kilo-  | k      | $10^3$    | milli- | m      | $10^{-3}$  |
| mega-  | M      | $10^6$    | micro- | $\mu$  | $10^{-6}$  |
| giga-  | G      | $10^9$    | nano-  | n      | $10^{-9}$  |
| tera-  | T      | $10^{12}$ | pico-  | p      | $10^{-12}$ |
| peta-  | P      | $10^{15}$ | femto- | f      | $10^{-15}$ |
| exa-   | E      | $10^{18}$ | atto-  | a      | $10^{-18}$ |
| zetta- | Z      | $10^{21}$ | zepto- | z      | $10^{-21}$ |
| yotta- | Y      | $10^{24}$ | yocto- | y      | $10^{-24}$ |

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\*The kilogram-force (kgf) is  $1 \text{ kg} \times g_{\text{std}}$  and the pound-mass (lbm) is  $1 \text{ lb} \div g_{\text{std}}$ , where  $g_{\text{std}} = 9.80665 \text{ m/s}^2 = (9.80665/0.3048) \text{ ft/s}^2$  is the standard value of the acceleration due to gravity.